

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021
Higgins Ferry Park Pavilion – Lake Mitchell Alabama

- **Charla Doucet**, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- **Charla Doucet** welcomed members, interns and guests. Charla talked with Pat Farmer and she and Jerry wants to thank everyone for the calls, texts, cards and they love us all.
- **Larry Jones** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.
- **April MEETING MINUTES** – given by Treasia Bennett with highlights of April meeting. No additions or changes were made. Minutes accepted as posted on CCMG website. May birthdays were announced: Margaret Goolsby, Jackie Hickman, Pat Farmer, Diane Clapp and Audrey Giles. A recap of 5 cards sent to members involving get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards. Treasia asked members to let her know of members who we may need a card from us.
- **Treasurer** report was delayed to next month. Charla gave a plant sale total of \$1,905.32.
- **Charla Doucet** introduced speaker, Kathy Giles, director of Higgins Ferry Park. Kathy and her husband maintain the park and have done some recent improvements to it with a goal of going “Green” approach. This is the park’s 25th anniversary. The county leases the park area from Alabama Power Company. The Park has hiking trails, fishing, swimming, boat launch, picnic areas, campgrounds, parking and most recently added a beautiful playground and playground equipment. The Park is all public except campgrounds. The playground has been a joint effort with donations from Alabama Power, The HOBO (homeowners and boat owners) association and other private donors. This year the lake was restocked with crappie fish. The recent tornado caused diesel fuel leakage from pump house damage. There has been a cleanup effort of the fuel and a concern for the snails. The Park hosts fishing tournaments. Kathy and her husband do many rescues and assist with broken-down boats and wrecks.
- Presentation of Certificates of Completion and Badges to Interns by Trish Williams – Patty Frye, Peggy McGraw, and Ruby Moberg. There are a few more 2020 interns who have not completed hours for certification.
- Demo Garden Update given by Trisha Williams – On-going Tuesday workdays for spring planting, mulching, weeding and making the garden beautiful. All members and interns are encouraged to come out and assist in maintaining the garden. This will always be a work in progress and many hands help to make the maintenance a lot easier. This garden is so beautiful, toured and something our association can be very proud.
- Extension Office Update by Gail Brooks – all beds are looking good but still a few weeds to be tackled. Larry Jones repaired gutter.
- Helpline – presented by Charla Doucet for Jackie Hickman - Can sign up to work on the website. Jackie prefers sign up be for whole day but half days can be worked by members agreeing and arranging to share the day. It is best for two people work the help desk for helping each other.
- Survey – completed surveys were placed in a basket provided by Charla Doucet. Charla said survey would be consolidated for programs, field trips and other items.
- June Meeting – Betsy Smith will give a presentation on herbs. The meeting will be held at Petals from the Past. A tour of Petals will be given after the meeting.
- Open discussion:
 - Gay West’s retirement effective June 1, 2021. Members discussed a gift for Gay and the limitation of a gift no greater than \$25 because she is a state employee. Many options were presented and will be discussed.
 - \$91.00 donations received at meeting for Gay West. Treasia Bennett was asked to hold donations to be turned over to board member.

- \$6.00 received for refreshments and Treasia Bennett is holding money to turn over to Treasurer.
- Door prizes – several plants, beautiful wooden bowls made by Ron Herbster, etc. were given out.
- Plant swap. Numbers were given out and many received beautiful plants.
- Plants for sharing were also brought.
- Adjournment and lunch at pavilion: Charla Doucet adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Members Present:

24 members

4 interns

1 speaker

29 Total

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Treasia Bennett